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1. DEPARTMENT EXCHANGED NOTES ON JUNE 19 WITH GOH EMBASSY AGREEING TO LEVELS OF 1.7 MILLION SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT EACH FOR CATEGORIES 55 AND 231. WE ARE TAKING NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMS OF NEW LEVELS. EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY. NOTE: CATEGORY 55, NOT REPEAT NOT CATEGORY 231, IS NOW UNDER EMBARGO. ENTRIES IN CATEGORY 231 WERE AT 62 PERCENT OF CURRENT CONSULTATION LEVEL THROUGH JULY 1.

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2. AS NOTED REF B, USG UNABLE TO SCHEDULE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOH AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE OF MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT IN GENEVA. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO URGE GOH TO IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT TO USG CATEGORY NUMBERS AND REQUESTED NEW LEVELS FOR CATEGORIES MENTIONED PARA 3 REF A, AS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO RESPOND TO GOH REQUEST WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE,

WE WOULD HAVE TO TRY TO SCHEDULE TALKS AT A LATER DATE.

- 3. EMBASSY SHOULD URGE GOH TO SUBMIT REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS WE HAVE NOTED EARLIER, IT IS USUALLY MUCH EASIER TO DEAL WITH SUCH REQUESTS IF THEY ARE SUBMITTED BEFORE CATEGORY REACHES EMBARGO STAGE.
- 4. ACCORDING TO USG DATA, FOLLOWING ARE CONSULTATION CATEGORIES (IN ADDITION TO 55 AND 231) WHICH WERE 50 PERCENT OR MORE FILLED AS OF JULY 1.

CATEGORY	PERCENT FILLED
51	65
223	64
215	58
233	52 VANCE

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